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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12/18/2000-05/07/2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-38 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-38 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 18 December 2000 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for priority of a provisional application under 35 U.S.C. 119(e).

Specification

2. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

4. The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

5. ***Claim(s) 1-38 is/are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Siu et al. (US Patent No. 6,252,851 and Siu hereinafter)***

6. As per claim(s) 1, 11, 18, 28 Siu discloses organizing a forward data buffer into one or more queues that store at least one forward data packet, (See Column 4 Lines 20-36); calculating the network device's advertised window size by implementing an integral control algorithm that uses information pertaining to the one or more queues, (See Column 6 Lines 29-67); providing the

network device's advertised window size to a TCP source, (See Column 6 Lines 55-67) and calculating a dynamic buffer threshold based, at least in part, upon the sum of the queue sizes and the shared buffer space, (See Column 7 Lines 1-51).

7. As per claim(s) 2, 19, 29 Siu teaches the claimed invention as described in claim(s) 1, 18, 28 above and furthermore discloses organizing the forward data buffer into one or more queues with one queue per service class, (See Column 4 Lines 31-35).

8. As per claim(s) 3, 20, 30 Siu teaches the claimed invention as described in claim(s) 1-2, 18-19, 28-29 above and furthermore discloses at least one forward data packet is stored according to its service class, (See Column 3 Lines 52-60).

9. As per claim(s) 4, 12, 21, 31 Siu teaches the claimed invention as described in claim(s) 1-3, 11, 18-20, 28-30 above and furthermore discloses initializing a timer to a predetermined time interval Δt , and an iteration counter to a predetermined initial value n ; sampling a current queue size $q_i(n)$ during the predetermined time interval Δt , (See Column 10 Lines 10-56); calculating a current error signal $e_i(n)$ based, at least in part, upon the current queue size $q_i(n)$; calculating the network device's advertised window size $W_i(n)$, (See Column 10 Lines 10-56) based, at least in part, upon the current error signal $e_i(n)$ according to the equation: $W_i(n) = [W_i(n-1) + \alpha e_i(n)]$, where α , W_{max} , and W_{min} , are predetermined parameters; resetting the timer, (See Column 10 Lines 10-56) upon expiration of the predetermined interval Δt ; and iterating the iteration counter, upon expiration of the predetermined time interval Δt , (See Column 10 Lines 10-56).

10. As per claim(s) 5, 13, 22, 32 Siu teaches the claimed invention as described in claim(s) 1-4, 11-12, 18-21, 28-31 above and furthermore discloses filtering the current error signal $e_i(n)$ according to the relation: $e_i(n) = (1-\beta)e_i(n-1) + \beta e_i(n)$, where β is a predetermined parameter; and calculating the network device's advertised window size $W_i(n)$, based, at least in part, upon the

filtered current error signal $e_i(n)$ according to the equation: $W_i(n)=[W_i(n-1)+\alpha e_i(n)]$, where α , W_{\max} , and W_{\min} , are predetermined parameters, (See Column 17 Lines 21-61);

11. As per claim(s) 6, 14, 23, 33 Siu teaches the claimed invention as described in claim(s) 1-5, 11-13, 18-22, 28-32 above and furthermore discloses carrying information relating to the network device's advertised window size by returning TCP acknowledgements in a receiver's advertised window field, (See Column 5 Lines 29-67).

12. As per claim(s) 7, 24, 34 Siu teaches the claimed invention as described in claim(s) 1-6, 18-23, 28-33 above and furthermore discloses providing the network device's advertised window size to a TCP source further comprises: updating a TCP receiver's advertised window size; wherein observer dynamically updates the window size, (See Column 6 Lines 29-67).

13. As per claim(s) 8, 15, 25, 35 Siu teaches the claimed invention as described in claim(s) 1-7, 11-14, 18-24, 28-34 above and furthermore discloses identifying whether a packet is an ACK packet, and, if not, putting the non-ACK packet in a reverse data buffer, (See Column 3 Lines 52-60); determining a service class for the identified ACK packet, (See Column 3 Lines 52-67 & Column 4 Lines 1-30); reading the TCP receiver's advertised window size (RW_{rec}) and a checksum ($RCHKSUM$) from the identified ACK packet; determining whether the TCP receiver's advertised window size RW_{rec} , is less than or equal to the calculated network device's advertised window size $W_i(n)$ and, if not setting a advertised window field in the identified ACK packet equal to the network device's advertised window size $W_i(n)$ and updating the checksum field for the identified ACK packet, (See Column 7 Lines 1-57).

14. As per claim(s) 9, 16, 26, 36 Siu teaches the claimed invention as described in claim(s) 1-8, 11-15, 18-25, 28-35 above and furthermore discloses initializing a timer to a predetermined time interval Δs and an iteration counter to a predetermined initial value n ; setting an initial dynamic buffer threshold $T(0)$ equal to a parameter γ multiplied by a buffer size β and divided by a number of

service classes K ; sampling a current queue size $q_i(n)$ during the predetermined time interval Δs ; calculating a sum of the sampled current queue size according to the equation: $Q(n) = \sum_{i=1, K} q_i(n)$; determining whether the sum of the sampled current queue size is less than the product of the parameter and the buffer size $\gamma\beta$, (See Column 18 Lines 24-65); if so, updating the dynamic buffer threshold according to $\min \{T(n-1) + \Delta T, \gamma\beta\}$, where ΔT is a step size that controls the rate at which the dynamic buffer threshold changes; if not, updating the dynamic buffer threshold according to $\max \{T(n-1) - \Delta T, T_{\min}\}$, where T_{\min} is a predetermined minimum size for the dynamic buffer threshold; resetting the timer, upon expiration of the predetermined interval Δs ; and iterating the iteration counter, upon expiration of the predetermined time interval Δs , (See Column 14 Lines 1-67 & Column 15 Lines 1-45).

15. As per claim(s) 10, 17, 27, 37 Siu teaches the claimed invention as described in claim(s) 1-9, 11-16, 18-26, 28-36 above and furthermore discloses filtering the sum of the sampled current queue size $Q(n)$ according to the relation: $Q(n) = (1-\phi)Q(n-1) + \phi Q(n)$, wherein ϕ is a predetermined parameter; wherein it is inherent that the relation is similar to the reference in that the sampled queue size $q^*(n)$ is the same as $Q(n)$ wherein a filtration occurs when applying the relation to a residual queue, (See Column 12 Lines 60-67).

16. As per claim(s) 38 Siu teaches the claimed invention as described in claim(s) 1-37 above and furthermore discloses a computer data signal embodied in a carrier wave readable by a computing system and encoding a computer program of instructions, (i.e., application) for executing a computer process (i.e., process with in a router which contains a computer of some type) performing the method recited in claim 1, (See Column 1 Lines 1-47).

Conclusion

17. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

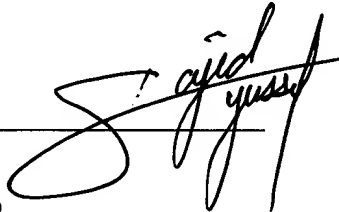
- a. Ghani et al. (US Patent No. 6,215,769) discloses Enhanced acknowledgement pacing device and method for TCP connections;
- b. Silberschatz et al. (US Patent No. 6,556,578) discloses an early fair drop buffer management method;
- c. Raza et al. (US Patent No. 6,625,711) discloses method and/or architecture for implementing queue expansion in multiqueue devices;

18. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sajid A Yussuf whose telephone number is (703) 305-8752. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7:30-5:00 PM and Alternate Fridays.

19. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharia can be reached on (703) 305-4003. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

20. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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